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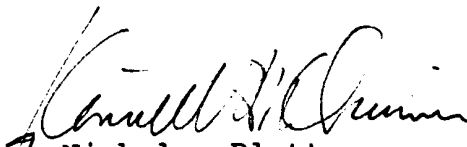
Senior Interagency Group No. 54

TO : OVP - Mr. Donald P. Gregg
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SUBJECT: SIG Meeting Summary of Conclusions

Attached is the Summary of Conclusions for the SIG Meeting on Humanitarian Assistance for Nicaraguan Resistance Forces held on Thursday, February 13, 1986.


Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Summary of Conclusions
2. List of Participants

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Senior Interagency Group No. 54

PARTICIPANTS: See List Attached

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, February 13, 1986, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Operations Center Conference Room 7516, NS

SUBJECT: SIG Meeting on Humanitarian Assistance for Nicaraguan
Resistance Forces, Thursday, February 13, 1986

SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS

Ambassador Duemling reviewed the progress of the NHAO program to date. The SIG endorsed the second 90-day report which will be submitted to the Hill the week of February 18. The NHAO section of the report includes detail on the following new programs:

- Human Rights Commission. NHAO has provided the seed money for the Commission. Its 6-month budget is just over \$1 million.
- Expanded medical care facilities.
- Procurement of Vehicles.

There was considerable discussion of the problem of deliveries from the U.S. into the region, which is the major stumbling block in the implementation of the NHAO program. Because of Honduran sensitivities and unwillingness to assist, large quantities of supplies are backing up in warehouses in the U.S. The NSC representative noted that the problems of an overt program would be addressed in the President's covering letter when the report is submitted to the Hill.

Amb. Duemling stated that the GAO auditors have been in place since December 6, and that the Barnes subcommittee staff has scheduled an oral brief from them this week. GAO's major criticisms are that stockpiling and inadequate monitoring and verification in the region provide opportunities for fraud and corruption. The GAO also cited duplication through local purchase of supplies of a sort already purchased in the U.S. but held in storage because of delivery problems.

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Most of these problems are the direct result of the Congressional insistence on making this an overt program. The Embassy has been working with the Hondurans but the problems will continue as long as the program is remains structured as it is. GAO's desire to send an auditor for on-site inspection in the region would cause further complications with the Hondurans. It was suggested that consultation procedures with the intelligence committees already in place be used to inform the Congress and that the situation be discussed with Will Ball.

The SIG agreed that while we will work for an extension of the NHAO program, a phase-down plan should be developed. A 3-6 month cushion past the March 31 deadline can be built in for supplies and pharmaceuticals, but not for food deliveries.

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SIG MEETING

Humanitarian Assistance for Nicaraguan Resistance Forces

February 13, 1986 - 10:00 a.m.

Operations Center Conference Room 7516, NS

PARTICIPANTS

State: Under Secretary Armacost, Chairman
Elliott Abrams, ARA
William G. Walker, ARA
Robert Duemling, NHAO
Rick Melton, ARA
Ron Goddard, ARA
Sheila Lopez, S/S-S, Notetaker

OVP: Sam Watson

NSC: LTC Oliver North

Observers:

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DOD: BG Fred Gorden

JCS: LTG John H. Moellering

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To 7: Please advise ES who will attend so name(s) can be called in.

To All: Please note that, as before, we attend these NHAO meetings as observers ~~vice members~~

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SUBJECT: Senior Interagency Group Meeting on Humanitarian Assistance for Nicaraguan Resistance Forces

Under Secretary of State Armacost will chair a SIG meeting on February 13 to review the NHAO program in light of the coming legislative effort. The meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. in Room 7516 at the Department of State. An agenda will be circulated in advance of the meeting.

Please telephone the name of your representative to Sheila Lopez (647-5804).

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for Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

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